

Ralls County R-II BOE Open Session Minutes
16 July 2025 5:30 pm **Mark Twain Library**

I. Preliminaries

- A. Call to Order - Ritchie Palmer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

<u>Attendance</u>						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Here	Here	Here		Here	Here	Here

Other People in Attendance: *David Koogler, Deacon Windsor, Samantha Krankka, Denise Morriss, Jessi Lake, Kaelin Kendrick, Matt Lawson, multiple parents and students*

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Adoption of Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report
 - 1. June BOE Minutes
- B. Bills
 - 1. Credit Card Information
 - a) CC Statement
 - b) Summary of CC Charges
 - c) June 2025 CC Info by Department
 - 2. Balance Sheet
 - 3. Check Reconciliation Report
 - 4. Details After Checks are Printed
- C. Transportation Log
 - 1. Note from Eric: Bus inspections have already begun as well as bus repairs covered under warranty work.

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.						
Jason Liter seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

III. Student Showcase

- A. None.

IV. Public Information Forum

A. Anyone wishing to address the board will be given the chance after first signing up
~Alisha Eisele spoke on behalf of the students who would like to have a golf team. Alisha has donors lined up to provide the nets, mats, and cover the \$350 course fee for the first year. Students will provide their own clubs. Alisha has 8 confirmed students who want to play, 7 male 1 female.
~Mark Hodges voiced his support of golf.

V. **Action Items**

A. Setting the August BOE Meetings

- a. Tax Levy Hearing
- b. Actual Board Meeting
 - i. Aug 13th at 5:30? We could also do the 20th, but it will be after school begins.

Kathleen Barnett made a motion to approve the August board meeting date & time of August 20, 2025 at 5:30pm, with the tax levy hearing first and regular meeting immediately following.						
Pete Hilgenbrinck seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

B. Meal Prices Increase

Scott Hodges made a motion to approve the proposed meal prices as presented.						
Jason Liter seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

C. Golf

- a. Last month we had a cohort of parents request that we add golf to our sports program. Kaelin has some specifics on financial numbers, potential coaches, etc. I also contacted legal about the transportation concern and found that it is common for schools to allow students to drive themselves to a golf course for practice. Schools that allow this also require parents to sign a release of liability waiver when their kids are drivers/riders in private transportation. This will not prevent a district from being sued in case a student wrecks, but it is helpful in terms of defending against such claims. *~board discussed pros and cons*

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to table the decision for golf to later in the meeting to find out MSHSAA deadline.						
Kathleen Barnett seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

D. Approval of Handbooks

- a. Staff Handbook
 - i. Added information about Priority Days and reimbursement procedures
- b. RCE

- i. Summary of Changes: Arrival and Dismissal procedures are added (p6)
 - ii. Discipline matrix added (p10-15)
 - iii. Updated Illness info (p17-18)
 - iv. Added retention guidelines (p20-21)
 - v. Updated Tiger Way Bash incentive (p23-24)
- c. MTJH
 - i. Summary of Updates
- d. MTHS
 - i. No major changes
- e. Para Handbook
- f. Gifted Handbook
- g. ECSE Handbook

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to approve the 25-26 handbooks and changes as proposed.						
Kathleen Barnett seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

E. PD Plan 2025-2026

Scott Hodges made a motion to approve the proposed PD plan for 25-26.						
Jason Liter seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

VI. Discussion Items

A. Political Updates from Jefferson City

1. As of July 1, Governor Kehoe signed the 8.6 billion Fiscal Year Note to fully fund the foundation formula.

B. Supreme Court Cases

1. US Supreme Court Case: Mahmoud et al. v Taylor et. al
 - a) Background: The Montgomery County School District in Washington DC incorporated a series of LGBTQ+ inclusive storybooks into the elementary curriculum. Initially, the district allowed parents to opt out their kids, but later reversed this decision and declined to notify parents when the books would be used. Multiple families from multiple faiths took issue with this. In a 6-3 decision, the supreme court sided with the parents. The court also rejected the notion that parents could simply homeschool or send their kids to a private school since public education is a public benefit and that parents have a legal obligation to educate their

children. The court also dismissed the notion that families could counteract the instruction at home or seek legislative change by suggesting that this had no bearing on first amendment analysis. In granting this injunction, the court ordered the district to notify parents in advance of curriculum involving LGBTQ+ materials and allow students to be excused from that instruction without penalty.

b) What does this mean for school districts?

(1) Opt-out rights may be needed if instruction conflicts with religious beliefs. There was no limit stated by the court how far this may go.

2. Blue Springs R-IV MO School District vs R.M.A: A student, R.M.A.

a) A transgender (female-to-male) sought to use the male restroom. The student initially won in a Jackson County District Court and was awarded \$4 million dollars. A circuit court judge halted this which was followed by the MO Supreme Court ruled in a 5-2 decision that the student was not discriminated against. There is another case, Platte County v R.F., involving a male-to-female student, who is claiming that they were discriminated against by being forced to use the restroom of their gender assigned at birth.

VII. **Reports - Principals and Directors (CSIP 1.1, 2.2, 1.12, 1.13)**

A. Mrs. Morriss

D. Mrs. Britt

B. Mrs. Krankka

E. Mr. Kendrick-O'Bryan

C. Mr. Windsor

VIII. **Reports - Procedural Evaluations (CSIP Priority Area 1, 2 & 3)**

A. None.

IX. **Reports - Superintendent (CSIP Priority Area 3)**

A. Financial Reports - Koogler

~Aug 1st is MSHSAA deadline for golf.

Scott Hodges made a motion to approve boys golf for the 25-26 year.						
Jason Litter seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
y	y	y		y	y	y

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:35pm.						
Scott Hodges seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

- X. Adjournment to Executive Session** - *Closed session for the purpose of discussing legal actions, causes of action or litigation; leasing, purchase or sale of real estate; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees; scholastic probation, expulsion, or graduation of identifiable individuals, including records of individual test or examination scores and documents related to a negotiated contract as provided by Section 610.021 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (6), (12), (13) and (14) of the Missouri Revised Statutes.*

- A. Call to Order - President Palmer
- B. Roll Call - President Palmer
- C. Approval of minutes
- D. Students
- E. Personnel

Adjournment

- F. Adjourn

Closed Session Minutes

Attendance						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Other people in attendance: David Koogler, Kaelin Kendrick-O'Bryan, Denise Morriss

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Scott Hodges seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to hire Amanda Bowness as full-time sub for RCE as presented.						
Jason seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to hire subs as presented						
Jason seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to adjourn to approve Kyle Burnett as a volunteer JH softball coach.						
Scott Hodges seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Pete Hilgenbrinck made a motion to exit closed session at 6:48pm.						
Kathleen seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Michael made a motion to adjourn at 6:49pm.						
Scott seconded the motion. 6-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Board President Date

Board Secretary Date